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Attention: Charles L.A. Terreni Chief Clerk/ Administrator South Carolina Public Service Commission 101 Executive Center Dr Columbia, SC 29211

Regarding: Net Metering Proposal

Greetings:

This is to express my support to allow net metering for localized renewable energy systems such as photovoltaic and wind turbine electricity production.

These systems allow reduced dependence on fossil and nuclear fuel sources that are damaging to our environment and causing international tensions. By implementing net metering we will encourage the installation of these in residential and commercial application.

As a resident and business owner in South Carolina I would like to install these systems thereby reducing our "carbon footprint". Cost prohibition is a large impediment to my taking action. The financial benefit of net metering will encourage our citizens to take this socially and environmentally responsible action.

Future generations will thank us for our foresight if we have the determination to use it.

Best regards, Tom Bates

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